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- 1. REFTEL A REPORT CONCERNING ARREST OF BAPTISTS IS TOTALLY INACCURATE. EMBOFF HAS JUST HAD 90 MINUTE CONVERSATION WITH BAPTIST PASTOR PAVEL NICOLESCU AND HEAD OF BAPTIST DISSIDENT MOVEMENT IOSIF TON. NO ONE HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND NO ARRESTS ARE EXPECTED. TON EXPECTS THAT ONLY MOVE WHICH ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES MAY MAKE WITH REGARD TO HIMSELF AND OTHER BAPTIST ACTIVITISTS WOULD BE TO GIVE THEM PASSPORTS AND URGE THEM TO LEAVE COUNTRY.
- 2. ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING CONFINEMENT OF DISSIDENTS IN PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTIONS ARE HEARD, PARTICULARLY IN DISSIDENT AND EXILE CIRCLES. WE CAN NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY THEM NOR COMMENT ON FREQUENCY OF SUCH ALLEGED CONFINEMENTS OR NUMBERS OF PERSONS INVOLVED. WE STRONGLY CAUTION AGAINST USE OF SUCH INFORMATION WITHOUT ADEQUATE PROOF, PARTICULARLY IN CURRENT ATMOSPHERE OF ALLEGATIONS AND UNFOUNDED CONFIDENTIAL

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